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# SECRET TALKS & A WAR PLAN

## FOR CUBA EXILES

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MEXICO CITY.

Nicaraguan President Rene Schick and former President Luis Somoza have been meeting secretly with Cuban exile leader Manuel Artine in Managua since Friday, the Herald Tribune learned yesterday from sources in the Central American capital.

While the Nicaraguan government has not revealed the subject of the discussion, the meetings obviously are intended to produce a plan for Nicaraguan aid to anti-Castro Cubans. The Herald Tribune reported yesterday that Mr. Artine is establishing or already has established a training base in Nicaragua.

Mr. Artine, who was civilian leader of the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961, said last week in Miami that he would establish rebel headquarters "somewhere in Central America" in the near future.

Now, he not only is in Nicaragua, but is said to be staying at the residence of former President Somoza on the outskirts of Managua. Both Mr. Somoza and his successor, Dr. Schick, are outspoken foes of Fidel Castro and have urged that the Central American republics unite in an invasion of Cuba.

Reports reaching Mexico say that the Cuban exiles already are being trained by Americans at the isolated Caribbean coast banana port of Puerto Cabeza. Nicaraguan sources say that beside an undetermined number of Cubans, a group of volunteers from the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic are undergoing training.

In Washington, a State Department official denied that American officers are involved in the training.

"The United States position, stated repeatedly since the first Cuban exile raids last fall, is that Washington will enforce this country's neutrality laws," he said. "The U. S. is not engaged in training any Cuban exiles for military operations."

However, the State Department comment did not rule out the possibility that U. S. groups financed by other sources were handling the Nicaraguan training.

Mr. Artine, before leaving Miami, said his Revolutionary Movement of Recuperation would change its base because of U. S. opposition.

Mr. Somoza visited Miami last week, and on his return to Nicaragua said that "Cuba will become free of Castro's domination very soon."

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